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SUBJECT: OBIT: DEATH OF ROLAND J. WITTENBURG

TO: MR. & MRS. RICHARD WELSH
3810 SUNNYCREST DRIVE
BROOKFIELD, WISCONSIN
TELEPHONE (414) 781-4634

1. I DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR FATHER, ROLAND J. WITTENBURG, DIED OF A HEART ATTACK AT INTOURIST HOTELIN MOSCOW. AN AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICER HAS BEEN WITH YOUR MOTHER, NEVADA. SHE IS REACTING TO THE SHOCK OF HER HUSBAND'S DEATH CALMLY AND WITH GREAT COURAGE. SHE ASKED ME TO INFORM YOU THAT SHE WILL TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD TONIGHT AND PLANS TO FLY FROM HELSINKI TO CHICAGO ON SATURDAY MORNING. EITHER SHE OR HER TRAVEL AGENT WILL TELEPHONE YOU FROM HELSINKI TO INFORM YOU OF HER EXACT TIME OF ARRIVAL IN CHICAGO.

2. YOUR MOTHER HAS INFORMED US THAT SHE WISHES HER HUSBAND'S BODY TO BE SHIPPED TO RITTER FUNERAL HOME 5300 WEST NORTH AVENUE, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53210. SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO U.S. WILL REQUIRE UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRUST OF APPROXIMATELY \$2,500 TO DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520.

3. MY COLLEAGUES AT THE EMBASSY AND I WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST MRS. WITTENBURG DURING THIS VERY DIFFICULT PERIOD. SHE HAS

REQUESTED THAT YOU CONTACT HER HUSBAND'S BROTHER,
FATHER ED WITTENURG, MESSIAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
ST, PAUL, MINNESOTA, AND INFORM HIM OF THIS
TRAGEDY. THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH
INTOURIST TO MAKE SURE YOUR MOTHER'S WISHES ARE
EXPEDITIOUSLY CARRIED OUT.

4. I WISH TO EXPRESS AGAIN OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY
FOR YOU IN THIS TIME OF BEREAVEMENT.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
MOSCOW U.S.S.R.
MATLOCK

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